Dewan's reply.—It is a matter of considerable engineering difficulty to connect Chikmagalur with Kadur by Railway, but the Government hope to be able ere long to effect this. Further extension to the frontier of South Canara must, from the nature of the country and the enormous outlay that will be required, be regarded as practically impossible for many years to come. Again what is the use of such an extension unless the Madras Government undertook to construct the portion of line from the frontier to Mangalore? The people of Mangalore have, it is true, been pressing the subject on the favorable consideration of the Madras Government, but, we have been unable to ascertain that there is any prospect of the work being undertaken on the Madras side. The Chikmagalur-Mangalore Railway is not a project which under the circumstances can at present be considered.

Subject No. 8.

Selection of a Representative Member as a non-official Member of H. H.'s Council.

Summary of discussion.—For a better representation of the public interests in the Government, the Representative Assembly should be allowed to elect one of themselves as a non-official Member of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja.

Dewan's reply.—For an executive Council, it is inexpedient to have any one as a member who is not a responsible servant of the Government. In the exercise of its executive functions, Government can only hear what Representatives who may be deputed for the purpose may wish to represent in any particular case; but such Representatives cannot be incorporated into the Council. Non-official members will doubtless be very useful in a Legislative Council; but the Legislative work which now remains to be done is so little, and what laws we pass are so much on the lines of British Indian Legislation with such modifications only as are called for by local circumstances that it may be somewhat ostentatious to constitute a regular Legislative Council for Mysore. In connection with important questions of general interest or proposed Regulations which may be under consideration, the Government would always be glad to have the opinions of the Assembly through any members whom it may choose to depute for the purpose of representing them to the Government. Except in this way or by means of a standing Committee appointed by the Assembly to remain always at the Head-Quarters, Bangalore or Mysore, it would be impossible for the Assembly to have its views placed before the Government from time to time throughout the year. But the discussions at this Annual Meeting of the Assembly are always borne in mind by the Government in the disposal of important questions when they come up. Under such circumstances, the proposal now made for a non-official Member of Council

seemed impracticable. The Dewan however added that the fact of such a proposal being made was an encouraging sign and that he would accordingly report the matter to His Highness the Maharaja who would be very glad to hear of this additional proof of the growing interest the Members took in public matters.

Subject No. 9.
Municipality and improved water-supply at Mudgere.

Summary of discussion.—A Municipality is required for Mudgere and an improved water-supply by means of a channel.

Dewan's reply.—The proposal to establish a Municipality would be duly considered if desired by the inhabitants. As to water-supply, the Dewan having seen the place, felt no doubt that a channel to convey water to the town was practicable. But as the available source of the water-supply to such a channel was impregnated with malaria, such a water-supply would be of very doubtful benefit. A number of wells would prove better and more really useful. Needful help for digging them could be given under Miscellaneous Public Improvements.

Subject No. 10.
Cultivation of lands assigned for Gomal.

Summary of discussion.—It appears that Government have prohibited the grant for cultivation of any portion of Gomal land (land assigned for free grazing). There is abundance of such land and far in excess of the requirements of grazing in the Malnad. Prohibition of the kind mentioned would retard the extension of cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—Government have only prohibited the grant of such land for cultivation without the previous sanction of Government. Where the villagers concerned raise no objection or when they can have no good reasons to complain of the curtailment of the extent of free pasturage, the Government will always sanction such grants.

Subject No. 11.
Publication of important Proceedings of Government in Gazette.

Summary of discussion.—Important Proceedings of Government should be published in the Gazette for public information.

Dewan's reply.—They are now made available to the Editors of Newspapers who generally publish what may be useful and interesting. Arrangements will also be made for publishing a monthly supplement to the Gazette containing important or interesting official papers.

Subject No. 12.
Remission of Hulbanni and extension of Khists for the current year.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to insufficient rain this year, the hulbanni in the Tarikere Taluk should be remitted, and wet and garden assessments allowed to be paid in six instead of the usual four instalments. The wet crop is estimated but at 4 annas and the dry crop at 8 annas.